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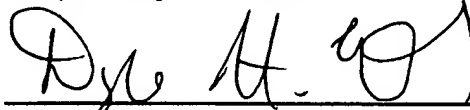
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This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 26, 2002. Any questions or further requirements, formal or informal, should be directed to the undersigned at 713-623-4844.

Respectfully submitted,

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